

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Ruth Miller Hoar, wife of Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, died suddenly, on the 24th, at her home in Washington, D. C., of angina pectoris.

Gov. William J. Bailey of Kansas was confined to his home, at Topeka, on the 25th, with a severe cold, and physicians said it might develop into pneumonia.

The death of Rev. Brooke Herford, D. D., a distinguished Unitarian clergyman and writer, was announced, at Boston, on the 21st. He was born in England in 1839.

Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Illinois, who has been confined to his home in Washington, D. C., with a slight attack of grippe, was much improved on the 22d.

The White Star steamer "Tonic," which sailed from New York, on the 24th, carried 2,800 sacks of mail for Great Britain. The shipment included over 700,000 letters.

Fire, on the 20th, destroyed 21 buildings, including the railroad depot at Benson, N. C., a station near Fayetteville, on the Atlantic Coast line. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

The last of the bodies that were reported missing were recovered, on the 21st, from the ruins of the dormitory Walden university, at Nashville, Tenn. The total loss of life by fire was 13.

William Jennings Bryan arrived at Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 25th. He was immediately granted an audience with Crown Prince Frederick with whom he had a long interview.

According to the Spanish newspapers, a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso of Spain to his cousin, the Princess Maria del Pilar of Bavaria. She is 13 years of age.

Henry Norman, the author and traveler, sailed for New York from Liverpool, on the 23d, on the steamship Majestic. He proposes to investigate the question of preferential tariffs in Canada.

Secretary Cortelyou, on the 23d, ordered the deportation of the skilled glassblowers from Stourbridge, England, who were detained at Ellis Island, N. Y., under the alien contract labor law.

The cruiser Olympia, Admiral Coghlan's flagship, was selected, on the 24th, to bring Minister Beaupre from Cartagena to Colon, where the minister will take a passenger steamer for New York.

James Porter Shaw, a confessed embezzler in two states—Kentucky and Iowa—was arrested, on the 22d, at Evansville, Ind. Kentucky officials waived claim, and he was returned to Iowa for trial.

Notices were posted at the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., works, at Pueblo, Col., on the 21st, that when the works resumed it would be at a reduction of ten per cent. in wages of the main body of skilled workmen.

Word was received at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers, at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 23d, that 1,000 miners in Preston county, W. Va., had quit work on account of a reduction of ten cents a ton in their scale.

Both houses of the Louisiana legislature, on the 21st, adopted a resolution requesting the United States senators from that state to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty providing for the building of the Panama canal.

The treaty of arbitration between France and Italy was signed, in Paris, on the 25th, by Foreign Minister Delcasse and Signor Tornelli. Italian ambassador there. The treaty was identical with that between France and Great Britain.

About ten indictments were voted by the Chicago grand jury, on the 23d, against persons who took part in the recent street car strike. No officials were indicted. The indictments referred specifically in each case to alleged assaults.

On the 20th E. W. Meddaugh, for many years general counsel of the Grand Trunk Railroad Co., died at his residence, at Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., after an illness of a year. Heart failure, brought on by jaundice, was the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Caroline Collins, of New Lathrop, Mich., was bound over to the circuit court, on the 22d, for trial on the charge of poisoning her hired man, George Leachman. Leachman died under somewhat suspicious circumstances, and an investigation was started.

Hugh A. Mullen, one of the proprietors of the Sunday Philadelphia World, and well known in local politics, was instantly killed, on the 25th, by being struck by a train. Among the papers found in his pocket was an accident policy for \$5,000. Mr. Mullen was 55 years old.

Speaker Cannon, on the 21st, received a letter from Representative George B. McClellan, of New York, stating that he had forwarded his resignation as a member of congress to Gov. Odell of New York, the resignation to become effective on its receipt by the governor.

All children of Dowdies will be excluded from the public schools of Chicago, January 4, by order of the health department. The general overseer of Zion City, Ill., has made his followers believe that vaccination does not prevent smallpox. The health department has decided that all children shall be vaccinated or be debarred.

Dr. Edgar G. Swain, a prominent dentist, committed suicide at Cleveland, O., on the 22d, by attaching a rubber tube to a gas jet and placing the other end in his nostril. To make death sure, Swain threw an overcoat over his head to prevent the gas from escaping. Deceased had suffered from poor health for several years.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

REGULAR SESSION.

Senate.—After a session of two and a half hours, the senate adjourned, on the 19th, until January 4. The sitting was largely devoted to a speech by Mr. Pettus, of Alabama, on the situation in Panama, in which he took the position that the recognition of the Republic of Panama by the United States had been premature and of such a character as to render it of doubtful appearance. Senator Gorman sought, but failed to secure, an order upon the postmaster-general, directing him to send to the senate the full record of the post office department inquiry. His resolution to this effect was defeated for the time by an objection from Mr. Quay.

House.—The house, after being in session an hour, on the 19th, adjourned for the day. A resolution was agreed to by which the postmaster-general was requested to forward to the house papers in connection with the post office investigation. Mr. Williams offered a resolution, providing that the papers come direct to the house, instead of to a committee, which was agreed to without opposition.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

After a brief session, on the 21st the United States supreme court adjourned until January 4 next.

The secretary of the treasury, on the 21st, received in an envelope postmarked Dubuque, Ia., a conscience contribution of \$30.

Senator Mark Hanna, on the 21st, declined an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Denver (Col.) chamber of commerce in January.

Becoming dizzy while looking at a fellow-workman on the ground, 55 feet below, John E. Pritchett, aged 19, fell from the scaffolding of the Intramural railway, World's fair grounds, St. Louis, on the 22d. His neck was broken and he died instantly.

While walking along a crowded street in Chicago, on the 22d, Albert Altenhofen, a saloon-keeper, suddenly shot and killed Marie Rasch, his common law wife, and then quickly killed himself. Jealousy was the supposed cause.

A summit cable train was wrecked at Kansas City, Mo., on the 23d, by a grip car striking a switch, causing the cars to partly telescope each other.

Mrs. C. Allen was probably fatally and possibly badly injured.

At Woodley, L. T., on the 23d, John Stott and Sam Victory, farmers, fought with rifles, both being killed.

The dormitory building of the North Texas college, at Sherman, Tex., and the president's home were destroyed by fire, on the 22d, entailing a total loss of \$40,000.

Three deaths occurred, on the 22d, from typhoid fever at Butler, Pa., raising the total to 72. Four new cases were reported.

John G. Campbell, a former delegate to congress from Arizona, died at Prescott, Ariz., on the 22d, aged 76 years.

A young farmer named William H. Siffer, of Melrose township, near Eldora, Ia., was arrested by the sheriff of Grundy county, on the 23d, on a charge of murder in the first degree.

It was alleged that he was responsible for the death of his bride of less than a year. She died in bed while he was sleeping by her side. An empty chloroform bottle was found on a dresser near by.

At noon, on the 23d, the sixth body was found by workmen clearing away the ruins of the St. Louis Transit Co. power house, at Geyer and Missouri avenues, wrecked by a boiler explosion on the 21st. William Gantt, one of those injured, has since died.

The navy department was advised, on the 23d, that the first class battleship Iowa had been placed in commission at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) navy yard.

Announcement was made, in Washington, D. C., on the 23d, of the appointment of C. M. Waters as superintendent of the division of salaries and allowances of the post office department, to succeed George W. Beavers, to take effect January 1 next.

Secretary of War Root was asked, on the 23d, if it were true, as reported, that he was being urged to succeed Senator Hanna as chairman of the republican national committee. He professed ignorance of the foundation of the report for the position named.

Mayor-elect McClellan of New York city, on the 23d, announced the appointments of former Assistant Secretary of the Navy William McAdoo as police commissioner, Maurice Featherstone as dock commissioner and John C. Hertle and William Harman Black as commissioners of accounts.

W. L. Moore, a street commissioner of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was, on the 23d, convicted of obtaining money by false pretenses from the city of Cedar Rapids by entering on the pay roll of the city a horse as "William Martin," and drawing excessive pay for the horse in that manner for a period of ten months.

Three deaths from typhoid fever and two new cases were reported, on the 23d, from Butler, Pa.

It was announced at the navy department, on the 23d, that the gunboat Benning would convey the torpedo boat destroyers Preble and Paul Jones from San Francisco to Panama.

On account of the peaceful condition of affairs in the Carbon county (Utah) coal district, two companies of militia were, on the 23d, relieved of further active duty and ordered home.

As a result of a fly wheel bursting at Austin, Tex., on the 23d, at the city water and light plant, one man was killed and about \$10,000 worth of machinery completely destroyed.

D. V. Rieger, former president of the Missouri national bank of Kansas City, Mo., who was pardoned by President Roosevelt, left the penitentiary at Jefferson City, on the 25th, upon the arrival of his wife from Washington, D. C., with the pardon.

A great drop was registered in the price of crude oil, on the 25th, at Beaumont, Tex., when 25 cents was named by the principal buyers, in place of 35 cents. This was the third drop in ten days, the rate having been 50 cents at the start.

The state department announced, on the 25th, the resignation of Consul-General Oliver J. D. Hughes, at Coburg, Germany, and the selection of Henry D. Saylor, now consul at Dawson City, Yukon territory, as his successor.

Ex-Gov. Isaac Sharp, of Kansas, died at Washington, D. C., on the 25th, of an affection of the stomach, aged 71 years.

Christmas at the White House was a quiet day. President Roosevelt's morning ride was abandoned that he might attend the funeral services of Mrs. Hoar. Prior to that he spent an hour at his desk.

An oil well at Batson Prairie, Tex., on the 25th, broke loose, and, with a roar that shook the earth, began spouting oil 200 feet in the air and hurling rocks 600 feet.

Fire at Memphis, Tenn., on the 25th, in the large department store of B. Lowenstein & Bros., caused damage approximately from \$100,000 to \$150,000; fully insured.

William Cogswell, one of the best-known and oldest artists in the country, died, on the 25th, in South Pasadena, Cal., at the age of 85 years.

By the addition of three deaths, on the 25th, at Butler, Pa., the total typhoid victims numbered 77 cases. Two new cases were reported.

The state department announced, on the 25th, the appointment of Prof. John Todd Hill to be consul-general at Greytown, Nicaragua.

The state department was officially advised, on the 25th, of the recognition by Great Britain of the Republic of Panama.

Senator Hanna, who was taken ill in New York city, and who arrived in Cleveland, O., on the 24th, on a private car, was reported to be feeling much better, on the 25th. The senator was able to be about his home during the day, and received a number of calls.

Fire, on the 25th, destroyed a granary and an elevator of the J. M. Milling Co., at Frankfort, Ky., containing about 62,000 bushels of wheat; loss, \$80,000; covered by insurance.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Gen. MacArthur arrived at San Francisco, Cal., on the 7th, on the steamer Siberia, from the Hawaiian Islands, where he had been making a military inspection. The general was in good health, enjoyed his trip and was greatly pleased with the islands, which he termed "a most valuable acquisition to the United States."

The Burlington railroad, on the 26th, announced a reduction of the freight rate on grains from points in Nebraska to Omaha, Neb., of from two to three cents. The rate applied both on corn and wheat, and provided also for a differential on shipments destined to Chicago and points beyond Omaha.

One of the unique exhibits at the St. Louis World's fair by an Indiana man will be several bushels of corn that were harvested in 1864. L. J. Pence, one of the pioneer settlers of Grant county, Ind., has nearly a hundred bushels of the grain that is in an excellent state of preservation.

While the train was running at good speed, Clarence Dancy, a negro prisoner being taken to the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., from Jasper county, jumped through a car window, on the 26th, and escaped. He was sentenced to serve four years for burglary.

The number of fatalities resulting from the wreck of the Duquesne limited, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at Laurel Run, Pa., on the 23d, is 65. Only two of the injured remained in the hospital, at Connettsville, Pa., on the 27th, and they may die.

Stewart Mitchell's book store and Harry Clark's book store burned, on the 26th, at Oklahoma City, Okla. The stock of the Herald shoe Co. was damaged by the flames. The loss was about \$4,000. The origin of the fire was unknown.

George J. Langsdale, father-in-law of Senator Albert J. Beveridge, died at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 27th. He was until recently auditor of the Indianapolis post office. For 20 years he edited a republican paper at Greencastle, Ind.

Charles Kratz, the fugitive St. Louis councilman, was ordered turned over to the agent of the United States government, on the 26th, by the department of foreign relations, acting under the instruction of President Diaz of Mexico.

The high school at Clinton, Ind., was burned, on the 26th; loss, \$10,600; insurance, \$5,000.

United States Senator Hale, chairman of the committee of naval affairs, said, on the 28th, that it is the intention to make provision for another liberal addition to the navy during the present session of congress.

He said—at when the additions already authorized were completed the United States would have a more powerful navy than any other nation except Great Britain.

A stiff northwest wind, which at one time reached a velocity of 45 miles an hour, struck Omaha, Neb., on the 28th, resulting in the fatal injury of one man and doing considerable property damage. A number of plate glass windows were blown in and large signs torn from their fastenings.

Four prisoners escaped from the county jail at Perry, Okla., on the 28th. It was believed that friends smuggled saws into them. The prisoners were Mack McFarly, Harry Johnson and Charles Laspoon, under sentence of imprisonment at Lansing, Kas., and Harry Smith, who was awaiting trial.

Catherine McVey, 104 years old, who was pastry cook at a Danville (Ill.) hotel when Abraham Lincoln stayed there, died suddenly, at Danville, Ill., on the 28th. Her husband died 25 years ago, and after his death she never went to bed, but always slept in a chair.

Sir William Allen, the well-known marine engineer, shipowner and member of parliament for Gates Head since 1893, died, on the 28th, in London. He was born November 29, 1837. Death was due to heart disease.

Gov. A. B. Cummins of Iowa, on the 28th, appointed William E. Miller, of Bedford, Ia., as judge of the Third judicial district, to succeed Robert L. Parrish, who resigned to resume practice in Des Moines.

Ann Tyler, a blind negro woman, 93 years old, and James Turner a negro 85 years old, were burned to death at Sedalia, Mo., on the 28th, in the destruction of the house in which they lived.

Gordon Trumbull, an artist of distinction, died at Hartford, Conn., on the 28th, at the age of 62. It was in studies of fish that Mr. Trumbull achieved his reputation.

J. D. Stuart, of Houston, Tex., was appointed, on the 28th, assistant freight auditor of the Santa Fe. This is a new position. The appointment takes effect January 1.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Jealousy Caused Fitted Battle. Four men engaged in a duel with revolvers at the home of Wess Larramore, sheriff of McDonald county, and as a result two men—Cooper Lauderdale and Vest Collins—will die. Lauderdale and Collins were rivals for the hand of Miss Bessie Lowe. When it was announced by Sheriff Larramore that he would give a dance at his home near McNatt Mills, three miles south of Joplin, both men asked the young lady for her company. She favored Lauderdale, and he escorted her to the scene of the merrymaking. Vest Collins went alone. Every smile given Lauderdale by Miss Lowe increased his jealous resentment. He proposed to Miss Lowe that, as Lauderdale had escorted her to the dance, it was only fair that he be allowed the privilege of escorting her home. She accepted his company, but Lauderdale raised serious objections. Collins and Miss Lowe started home and Lauderdale interfered. A fight ensued and revolvers were drawn. Charles Collins and John Proctor ran to the assistance of Vest Collins, and many shots were exchanged. Vest Collins and Cooper Lauderdale fell mortally wounded, and Proctor and Charlie Collins ran away. Later, Proctor was captured by the sheriff and locked in jail. Miss Bessie, the young lady over whom the trouble arose, is the daughter of a prominent McDonald county family. When the shooting began, she fainted, and remained unconscious for almost an hour.

Killed Father in Mother's Defense. Mathias E. Barron, a miner, was shot and killed at Joplin by his 17-year-old son, Bert, who was shielding his mother from a drunken father. Barron returned home from a spree, and became quarrelsome with his wife. Seizing a revolver, he threatened to kill the family, and striking Mrs. Barron a blow over the head with a chair. The boy rushed to his mother's assistance, and in the scuffle Barron was shot and instantly killed. The ball passed through his body. Young Barron claims to have shot his father accidentally.

Will Hold Week of Prayer. At a meeting of the Mexico Ministers' alliance, it was decided to hold the annual week of prayer in the different Mexico churches during the week of January 4-10. This is an annual feature of the churches in that city, and the meetings have grown in popularity each year. Denominational lines are not considered in the meetings, which are union, and held at a different church each evening.

Freight Train Collision. Two Missouri Pacific freight trains collided west of Jefferson City. Engineer Henry Meyers sustained a fracture of the leg, which may result in amputation, and brakeman Dale's knee was badly wrenched. The injured were taken to the Missouri Pacific hospital in St. Louis. The accident was caused by the east-bound train failing to clear the switch.

Golden Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tappmeyer celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at Drake. The wedding was blessed with 18 children, of whom 13 survive and were all present. The Drake cornet band and the Methodist Episcopal church choir attended in a body and rendered several selections. Rev. C. Neumeier preached a congratulatory sermon.

Killed by Vicious Boar. Hut Rice, a well-known stockman was killed at his home, near McFall by a vicious boar. Rice was showing friends some finely-bred stock, when he was attacked by the boar, which inflicted a gash in the thigh with its tusks, severing an artery. Prompt medical attention was secured, but Rice died to death before surgeons could stop the flow.

Plans Adopted. The Johnson county court has adopted the plans drawn by G. E. McDonald, an architect of Kansas City, for the new \$20,000 county house, to be erected on an 80-acre tract recently purchased by the county. Bids will be advertised for the contract work, and the construction will be pushed.

Wife Brought His Pardon. D. V. Rieger, former president of the Missouri National bank of Kansas City, who was pardoned by President Roosevelt, left the penitentiary upon the arrival of his wife from Washington with the pardon.

Reward of Carefulness. As a reward of carefulness in avoiding accidents, 99 St. Louis Transit Co. conductors and 31 motormen will receive a bonus of one cent an hour for the time each has worked during the last year.

Safe Blown at Desloge. The safe of the Hague Butcher Co. at Desloge, was blown by robbers and about \$200 secured by them. A charge of nitroglycerin was used to tear the safe door off.

A Fatal Wrestling Match. John Allen and a stranger named Howell engaged in a wrestling match near Hannibal. Allen was thrown on his head, and his neck was broken.

They Will All Be There. France, Germany, Mexico, England, China, Japan and Brazil will each spend over \$5,000,000 on elaborate exhibits at the World's fair.

The Liberty Bell. The old liberty bell will be located in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania building on the grounds of Louisiana Purchase exposition.

A Big Organ. One of the most interesting features of the World's fair will be a monstrous pipe organ, with 145 stops and pipes five feet in diameter.

Rather Misleading. "The Grafters" is the name of a new society at Columbia. Its object is to promote the grafting of trees, not the legislative kind.

Saved His Money. George Rieder, enticed into alley by three robbers, one of whom a woman, at St. Louis, beat them off when attacked, saving \$80.

Boys Old Homestead. William Jennings Bryan has bought the house in which he was born, the consideration being \$2,000, at Salem.

JAPANESE FORCE GOING TO COREA

Necessary For the Restoration and Maintenance of Order.

JAPAN HAS RUSSIAN ASSENT

The Fact is Made Public So That the War Correspondents Will Not Put a Wrong Construction on the Move.

Paris, Dec. 27.—It was learned in authoritative quarters, Saturday, that Japan is about to send a large military force to Korea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at the disturbed ports. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men.

Japan has been assured that Russia will not consider the sending of troops to Korea to be an unfriendly act or a casus belli.

May Revive War Rumors. It is anticipated that the departure of the troops will revive the war rumors, which, however, it is pointed out in the authoritative quarters, will be unjustified, in view of Russia's acquiescence.

During the recent exchange of communications between Russia and Japan, the former fully recognized the need of the presence of a strong military authority in Korea, and conceded that Japan was in the best position to promptly send troops to the disturbed ports.

Bearing on Present Negotiations. The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is construed as having an important bearing on the present negotiations, as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of paramount authority over Korea. It is further said in the same quarters that the preparations for this expedition were the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese arsenals and dock yards, which, it is asserted, has been erroneously ascribed to preparations against Russia.

Autentico Negotiations Proceeding. Information has also been received here that Foreign Minister Lamorsdorf has personally received Japan's reply, and that in view of its terms, he is said to have expressed surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which the negotiations are proceeding.

JAPAN SEEKS WARSHIPS. Is Said to Be Negotiating For Two Ships Built For Chile.

London, Dec. 27.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Capitán Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a press representative, relative to these negotiations: "We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing."

Nature of Russian Reply. "I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally, I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time."

"There is no truth whatsoever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Great Britain's Attitude. Asked about the dispatch from Berlin, of December 24, saying the British government had represented to the czar that Great Britain "deemed Japanese demands just and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain at St. Petersburg, said: "The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken up in her last note."

JAPAN'S POSITION IN COREA. Japan Will Soon Show It by Certain Activities.

London, Dec. 27.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times cable that the Japanese government shortly will take active steps to assert and consolidate the position of Japan in Korea. A preliminary to this action was the extraordinary meeting of the cabinet, Friday, at which it was decided to guarantee the issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of completing the Seoul-Fusan railway.

En Route to Port Arthur. New York, Dec. 27.—A volunteer fleet of transports is on the way to Port Arthur from Odessa, with over 2,000 picked recruits, says a Moscow dispatch to the Times.

The transport also carries several Black Sea naval officers, a party of 50 naval gunners and engine room artificers.

Found Dead Beside the Track. Vandallia, Ill., Dec. 27.—Wm. Stufelman, 60 years old was found dead beside the Vandallia Friday. The body was mangled, the head being mashed to a jelly. It is supposed he attempted to cross the track ahead of the train.

To Prevent Mob Violence. Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Threats of mob violence having become pronounced during last few days, nine negroes, charged with murder, have been spirited away to Madisonville for safe keeping.

Our Boot and Shoe Trade. Washington, Dec. 27.—Exports of boots and shoes from the United States show a steady growth, and for the calendar year about to end will aggregate more than \$7,000,000 in value. In 1893 they were less than three-quarters of a million.

Bids for Friars' Land Loan. Washington, Dec. 27.—Announcement is made that bids for the friars' land loan of \$7,200,000 will be received up to 3 p. m., January 11, and allocations will be made February 7, 1904.

POOR WERE REMEMBERED

Christmas Made Measurably Merry For the Poor of St. Louis.

Provident Association, Elks, Volunteers of America, Salvation Army and the Press Helped.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The poor and destitute of St. Louis were made happy Christmas day by the generous donations of citizens and the efforts of charitable organizations.

The St. Louis Provident association, St. Vincent de Paul society and other societies took pains to see that those on their dependent lists were furnished good dinners, and that other needs were supplied.

The St. Louis Elks made their annual tour and distributed baskets of food among deserving families who were in want, and supplied money in extreme cases.

Dinner was furnished at the coliseum to 15,000, whose wants had not been reported to the charitable organizations, and 1,200 baskets of food were sent to as many families. The provisions were paid for out of a fund donated by the public, through the efforts of the Post-Dispatch.

The orphans in the various institutions were supplied with toys, candy and books out of a fund raised by the St. Louis Star.

The Volunteers of America, from their headquarters, sent out over 8,000 Christmas baskets to poor people. Each basket held a good, substantial meal for from five to eight persons. Six wagons and 30 members of the corps were engaged in the work, under the direction of Adj. L. B. Smith.

The Union mission gave away about 300 baskets. They were filled with good, wholesome food.

The Salvation army raised a fund of about \$1,000 with its street-corner kettles during the ten days preceding Christmas. A dozen of these kettles were swung on the downtown street corners with a soldier in charge at each. Much good was done with the money collected.

KRATZ TO BE SURRENDERED. President Diaz of Mexico Has Determined to Surrender the St. Louis Fugitive.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—A special to the Republic from the City of Mexico says: The department of foreign relations has informed Judge Rojas, of the Guadalupe district court, that President Diaz, acting upon the request of the American ambassador and upon hearing the evidence submitted in the case, had conceded to the United States authorities the extradition of Charles Kratz.

The department further advised the judge to expect at an early hour a formal order to turn the prisoner over to the United States officers awaiting the decision of the case at Guadalajara.

COOPER UNION WINS SUIT. Verdict Against the Manhattan Elevated After Several Years of Litigation.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cooper Union, after a legal fight lasting several years, has received in the state supreme court judgment in the sum of \$150,000 against the Manhattan Elevated Railway Co., for damages to the building. The judgment is one of the largest ever given for damages done to structures. Not only was the foundation weakened, it was alleged, but the noise of passing trains was declared to interfere greatly with the conduct of classes in the union.

FOR BENEFIT OF CREDITORS. Assignment Made by the Trustees of the Albert Lea (Minn.) College to C. H. Freeman.

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 27.—The trustees of Albert Lea college have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors of the college. The liabilities are from \$9,000 to \$10,000, and the assets five times as much, including school buildings, residence property, etc. C. H. Freeman is assignee. The assignment, it is said, was brought about in part by friction between Albert Lea college and another Presbyterian state school.

FROM U. S. MINISTER POWELL. Troops From Macoris, Under the Jimenez Flag, Are Marching On San Domingo City.

Washington, Dec. 27.—United States Minister Powell reports to the state department, under Friday's date from San Domingo, confirming the cable announcement that the town of Macoris has pronounced in favor of Jimenez and adds that troops from that place, under the insurgent flag, are marching on the City of San Domingo. A great many arrests are being made at the capital, but otherwise everything is quiet.

Grain Rate Reduction. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—The Burlington Saturday announced a reduction of the freight rate on grains from points in Nebraska to Omaha of from two to three cents. The rate applies both on corn and wheat, and provides also for a differential on shipments destined to Chicago and points beyond Omaha.

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